

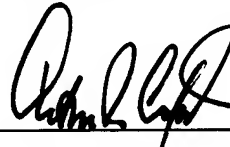
REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

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IN THE CLAIMS

3. A milk-added coffee beverage according to claim 1-~~or~~2, wherein addition of the strongly basic substance and/or basic amino acid prevents precipitation after the heat sterilization.
4. A milk-added coffee beverage according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~3, wherein addition of the strongly basic substance and/or basic amino acid reduces the amount of emulsifier and/or thickening agent required.
5. A milk-added coffee beverage according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~4, wherein the pH of the milk-added coffee beverage product is 5.8-7.0.
7. A milk-added coffee beverage according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~6, wherein the strongly basic substance is at least one selected from the group consisting of sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, trisodium phosphate and tripotassium phosphate.
9. A milk-added coffee beverage according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~8, wherein the basic amino acid is at least one selected from the group consisting of lysine, arginine and histidine.

11. A milk-added coffee beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~, wherein the amount of sodium bicarbonate added is no greater than 0.14 wt%.

12. A milk-added coffee beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~, which contains coffee component at 0.1-10 wt% in terms of solid portion.

13. A milk-added coffee beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~, which contains milk component at 0.1-10 wt% in terms of solid portion.

14. A milk-added coffee beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~, characterized in that the milk component is cow milk.

15. A milk-added coffee beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~, characterized by containing substantially no sweet components or being only lightly sweetened.

16. A process for producing a milk-added coffee beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~.